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SUBJECT: Berlin Contingency Planning

PARTICIPANTS: Signor Carlo Perrone-Capomo, Minister, Italian Embassy

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Mr. Paul K. Stahnke - WE

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Minister Perrone-Capomo asked about the present status of contingency planning on the Berlin situation.

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Mr. Kohler said there are several aspects to the planning. Our Embassy at Bonn is working on problems related to the immediate effects of a possible attempt by East Germans to administratively control our movements in and out of Berlin. This work is almost finished. There is agreement that no stamping of documents or verification of cargo by the East Germans would be allowed. All our vehicles would be conspicuously identified by markings. A second aspect is the problem of action to be taken in the event convoys are stopped. This is being worked on by General Norstedt.

A third phase involves thinking about counter harassments of the Soviets as they may be required. We are meeting with the British and the French to discuss this problem and will eventually discuss it with others also. At present, thinking is still tentative. No conclusions have been made and no papers prepared. The groups meets in Washington about once a week or ten days. We have discussed possibilities such as

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Mr. Kohler emphasized that no conclusions have yet been made for an agreed

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[paper but that there is agreement in principle that such type of planning should proceed. He repeated that the basic assumption for such planning is harassment or blockage of our traffic by the Soviets.

Other subjects discussed are covered by separate memoranda of conversation.

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